

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9016

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sergeant Danny Ray Reece of the Cocke County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Sergeant Danny Ray Reece of the Cocke County Sheriff's Department, who was recently featured in the department's "Officer Spotlight" in recognition of his dedication and many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as the School Resource Officer at Cosby Elementary and Cosby High School, Sergeant Reece grew up in Cocke County and graduated from Cocke County High School in 1993; and

WHEREAS, he began his career as a first responder at the young age of thirteen, when he joined the Newport Rescue Squad, serving until he was eighteen years old; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Danny Ray Reece has been a member of the Cocke County Sheriff's Department for twenty-six years, beginning with the organization in 1994 as a part-time corrections officer; the following year, he became a full-time employee, serving over the years as a bailiff, process server, and patrol officer; and

WHEREAS, in his current capacity as a school resource officer, he feels he is doing what God has called him to do by protecting the children and employees of the schools he serves; and

WHEREAS, a 1999 graduate of the Walters State Regional Law Enforcement Academy, Sergeant Reece has worked with the Tennessee Dangerous Drug Task Force since 2002; he

holds certifications in Coldwater Rescue, Mountain Rescue, and Confined Space Rescue and as an Emergency Medical First Responder, Vehicle Extrication Instructor, and Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Sergeant Reece is grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-three years and their two sons; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Danny Ray Reece epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Sergeant Reece for his many contributions to Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Sergeant Danny Ray Reece of the Cocke County Sheriff's Department, salute his exemplary service and his tireless work on behalf of the citizens of Cocke County and this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.